

*Letters to the Editor of The Times**Power in Washington*

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To the Editor:

You printed a letter on Feb. 8 headed "In Praise of C.I.A.", by one S. Wainwright III. His sentiments are not mine. I believe the C.I.A. is exercising too much power and Congress not enough. The Senate Foreign Relations hearings are a healthy sign, though.

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Berkeley, Calif., Feb. 20, 1966

*Letters to the Editor of The Times*In Praise of C.I.A.

To the Editor:

I feel that your Jan. 26 editorial ["... and Supervising the C.I.A."] relative to the Central Intelligence Agency was notably lacking in your usual considered thought. Unfortunately, the security of some of our Congressional committees has been poor, although this fact is usually not broadcast to the general public.

An intelligence agency is by its very nature secret. It should not be put upon a Congressional pedestal for use as a vote-getting vehicle for irresponsible Congressmen. If The New York Times finds it necessary constantly to write about the Central Intelligence Agency, why doesn't it examine the overwhelming number of constructive acts performed in defense of the United States.

S. WAINWRIGHT III
New York, Jan. 26, 1966

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